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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 80th day of November, 1998. J. F. FARISH, Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo. My term expires April 26, 1991.

AN OLD CUSTOM REVIVED.

How like the old times it seems when reports come of women wrecking "joints" and "blind tigers."

In the halcyon days of high temperance excitement the sight of Kansas women raiding places where three knocks, a password and the high sign were cards of admission to the joys of the cup was not unusual. These raids grew so common that their disappearance, like that of certain political figures, was not noticed until they again came

Now that a Wiehita woman has reinstated the raid idea, it is noticeable that Illinois women have seconded the has, under severely repressive laws, no dignity as is possible to any country or sas woman is encouraged. And in this, Kansas will see her reputation as a public example maintained so that in the near future the followers of events in

STANDING FROM UNDER.

Thoughtful citizens who keep posted in the current developments of the local political situation will not be surprised at a Republican defection from the ranks of Ziegenheinism which threatens the fatal weakening of a machine heretofore all-powerful in its control of Republican action and organization.

It is beginning to be clearly seen that Ziegenheinism is doomed, and that the blow which definitely and forever destroys its power in St. Louis is due to fall next April. The notification to this effect contained in the local November vote was too plain to be misunderstood. The will of the people was very clearly expressed at that time, and the deathwarrant of Ziegenheinism was in that

The support of Ziegenheinism is now limited to a certain few officeholders at the City Hall and to the Globe-Democrat, an organ bound to the Mayor by ties which cannot conveniently be disregarded. But even in the Mayor's City Hall following there is so much of panic and dismay that it is rather an element of weakness than of strength, and all support is destroyed by a general understanding of that organ's pitiful surrender of its soul for a mess of Ziegenhein pottage. The time is rapidly approaching when Ziegenheinism and its must stand out in the open and take its punishment.

WELCOME THE NEW ERA.

In the heartiness and earnestness of the popular approval which has followed tacks. He would, however, be the last The Republic's suggestion for a general to admit that false charges, singly or in illumination of St. Louis homes there is bulk, have in the least damaged his sopleasant proof that citizens realize the cial standing or his business. That full significance of the notable occasion, being the case, he should look at the To-night marks the beginning both of a practical operation of libel laws and in-New Year and a New Century which quire whether the public welfare would

promise the greatest good for the city. As the World's Fair City of the opening of the Twentieth Century, St. Louis possesses a sound guarantee of exceptional prosperity. The wonderful prospective development stimulates us to strued with inexorable strictness his celebrate the dawn of the New Year private fortune, understood to be large, with unusual fervor. It is expected that this last night of the Nineteenth Century will mark the completion of the political and personal opponents could local subscription of \$5,000,000 to the World's Fair fund and that the official announcement will be made at to-night's meeting at the Mercantile Club. The announcement will give definite assurance of the World's Fair in St. Louis in they do not. Suppose the new stringency 1903. This in itself is enough cause for rejoicing, but, when it is considered how many incident benefits in the way of an improved municipality are also prom-

ised, the outlook is yet more inspiring. Every home in St. Louis should be ens should be summoned before grand ed to-night in honor of the juries to prove his charges or go to jail. World's Fair, in welcome of the New | Governor Stephens is not a thought-

residents of the World's Fair City.

FORCING HANNA'S HAND.

While the personal fend between Senators Hanna and Pettigrew is a matter of little interest to the American public, there are many Americans who will see considerable truth in Pettlgrew's assertion that Hanna's ship-subsidy bill is nothing more than an at tempt to pay the campaign debts of the Republican party at the rate of \$9,000, 000 per year, this gigantic annual tribute being taken from the pockets of the

American people. There are also those who will agree with Senator Pettlgrew that if Hanna and the administration are determined to place this colossal tax upon the perple for the benefit of certain syndicate interests, it will be well to have it done at an extra session of Congress in order that it may stand out conspicuously in its true light before the public. There is little doubt that the President is pledged to Hanna, and through that A C4 | musterful Boss to the monopolies which contributed so generously to the Republican campaign fund, to compel the passage of this measure. If necessary, Mr. McKinley must call Congress info

extra session to fulfill his syndicate

obligations. The more obstinate the fight on the ship-subsidy bill grows, the more plain ly does the evil nature of that measure ome into evidence. It is unquestion ubly the holdest and most shameless at tempt to rob the people for the further enrichment of a few influential multimillionaires that has ever been made by an American administration and an American Congress, It typifies to an plarming degree the completeness of the President's surrender to the evil interests represented in American public life by Mark Hanna. It is not strange that a few Republican Senaters find them-

Libel laws as they stand are relies of monarchism and barbarism, Members of one of the best grand juries that ever that State may expect repetitions and a suit brought because of a mere dignified recommendation for the improvement of an important municipal office. It is not likely that they will be called upon to pay damages, but they, reputable and public-spirited and conscientions citizens, have been put to trouble and expense by a political machine for performing a simple duty under the direction of the courts.

> Evil-doing fears the daytime and the street light. It fears publicity. If it is assured of darkness and secreey it becomes bold, and society is controlled by pilferers and desperadoes.

> Abuses of free speech produce discomfort, but, even at their worst, do little harm. Abuses of censorship foster bad government and stimulate crime. Without boldness of the press modern municipal government, conducted in cities now becoming so populous that evils are obscured in complications of detail, would be the looting ground of political bunko gangs, as they are already to no small extent.

> Why should the law place every weapon in the hands of wrongdoers and in effect forbid to an honest press the use of any weapon?

The matter is one which interests the public more than it interests the press, possible value of the Globe-Democrat's If the public wishes the criminal classes, in the slums, in society and around that same public's treasury to be released from fear of publicity, about the only thing these classes do seriously fear, the newspapers would lose little pecuniarily, Falstaffian handful of ragged hirelings But as long as the public expects newspapers to pursue and expose wrongdoing, a reasonable encouragement should be offered.

Governor Stephens may have suffered seme slight discomfort from unjust atnot be promoted more by their entire abolishment, to put it strengly, than by increased severity. The present Governor is something of a controversialist himself. If the libel laws were conwould not be enough to pay the bills which would accrue from the suits his bring. The Governor of a great State is supposed to put convincing responsibility into what he gives out for publication. When he lays accusations the object may well claim to be grievously injured, if hard words broke backs, as

which Governor Stephens proposes were

already in the statute books. The files

of a bundred newspapers in Missouri

would afford causes why Lon V. Steph-

BLIC Year and the New Century and in token less or ill-natured man. It is likely that and hopefulness now animating all expression of passing irritation. In any case, he should give the proposition a sober second thought.

SCARED AND GUILTY.

After a long series of attempts to create a popular misconception of The Republic's attitude in municipal affairs the Globe-Democrat has learned to its cost that the people are not being fooled by its malicious perversion of the facts

The Globe-Democrat, bound hand and foot to the Ziegenhein machine, is fearful and resentful of The Republic's influence in crystallizing public sentiment against Ziegenheinism and in warning the local Democracy from surrender to the sins for which Ziegenheinism will be finally condemned and overthrown,

In the November elections the Globe-Democrat received a staggering proof of The Republic's influence in opposing Ziegenheinism and in leading a deserving Democracy to victory against Ziegembeloism. The success of the local Democratic ticket was due alike to the merits of that ticket and to the demerits of the candidates on the Ziegenhein state. The local Democratic organization nominated strong and clean men for municipal office. Just as The Republic had promised in such an event, these men were trimmphantly elected.

The Globe-Democrat justly fears a repetition of this achievement next April. It knows that the Zlegenhein machine will be bitterly partisan to the end, devoted to the cause of the Ziegenhein ringsters, not to the cause of the people, It knows that if the Democratic party continues its policy of the recent campaign it will elect a Democratic adnefaistration in St. Louis, a fearless, honest and capable administration. Too deep in the mire of Ziegenheinism to withdraw, the Globe-Democrat foresees disaster to itself in the April results. It is for this reason that it is so des-

law the more abandoned do those per- would be impossible to any consistent sons become who are outside the law. American. A society of descendants of The more, also, do people believe what the brave patriots who fought for MUCH VARIETY IN THE such persons publish, since the public American independence is of as great people under the sun, and unquestionably receives its right estimate in the American mind. The simple truth probably is that Mrs. Roosevelt feels obliged without offense to any save the foolish-

greeting to the new St. Louis, the new year, the new century and the World's Fair.

to a very keen perception of the truth that the designation, "actors," the Williams and Walker medley, but n that this is an excellent time for Refuture preferment to stand from under the tottering Ziegenhein machine

Chris Schawacker and John B. Owen it is said, want to leave the Merchants' League Club. If the main organization of St. Louis Republicans is too rotten for them what must be the feelings of respectable Republicans

It begins to look as if Mark Hanna will enter the Twentleth Century a smaller man than he was in the Nine teenth. This is due to a salt-water shrinkage caused by the ship-subsidy

One of the most inspiring spectacles now confronted by St. Louis eyes is that presented by the Commission for the Public Welfare working earnestly and unselfishly for municipal betterment.

Missouri's Democratic legislators should hit the lobby square between the eyes by electing their strongest and cleanest man Speaker of the House of Representatives.

St. Louis wants a presperous New Year. Her own public-spirited citizens will see that the foundation for this happy condition is laid by shelving Ziegen-

Pretty soon now it will be Governor Dockery, a new Missouri, a new St. cause of the people.

The last census showed a decreased

In swearing off from your pet vices do

time-limit for the entire century. At the Century's End. Let grateful love and souls with courage high Speak for the century now about to die: The passing of its splendid hundred years Cails not for lamentation not vain tears, But for the hand-grip of the strong that part, the having done his task with mighty heart. The other pressing forward to complete A glorious work in which Two Ages meet.

the thing handsomely by setting its

Then potent century of the world's best growth, Take, then, our farewell and our greeting both; For in the new day's dawn rich is thy share, Thine is its largest promise, and most fair, And of its food, the surest and the best is that where he as upon thy days must rest; Then not forewell—but bail, the Old and New, Twin Ages linked, the world's most wondrous Two!

Year and the New Century and in token less or ill-natured man. It is likely that of the spirit of confidence and courage his utterance on libel laws is only an GOLDEN WEDDING ON FIRST DAY OF THE NEW CENTURY.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Schutz, who will celebrate their golden wedding to-morrow.

The first day of the Twentieth Century will be celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Schutz of No. fol Palm street as their

golden-weedding anniversary.

Fifty years ago Henry Schutz, then a young North-Side business man, was married to Miss Maria S. Langtein. Eoth are natives of Germany, Mr. Schutz hoving been born in Hanover and Mrs. Schutz in Saxony. Saxony.

To-morrow their children, their children's children and other relatives will be their guests.

In the presence of the asemblage, Mr. and Mrs. Schutz, who have brought their matrimonial bark through the storms of fifty years, will again stand up together, and again take their marital yows. The Rever-

MARRIED FOR FIFTY YEARS.

Captain and Mrs. Irons to Cele brate Their Golden Wedding.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry John

the Supersected in American public life by Mark Human. It is not strange that a few Republican Senators find them as the Republic of Strange that it is so does not be republican to support such a bill. It is for this reason that it is so does not be regarded in Januarian that the possage of the measures. It is for this fact, They have little to fear in the future, in so far as a possible balking of the legislative department of the Government is concerned. It will be the American people who have cause to dread the future in such a configuration of the Strange of the ships subsidy bill ill mean that the people are being betrayed to the syndicate scheme of the strange of the ships subsidy bill mean that the people are being betrayed to the syndicate scheme which cannot be regarded by Americans save with the gravest apprehension.

NOT IN EARNEST,

Governor Stephens is rather extravagant in his demands for a member of the substraint for the conspicuous position before the American which makes the conspicuous surposition before the American su

WEEK'S ENTERTAINMENT.

It has been a long time since the Grand Opera-house has had as much fun in three-hour entertainment as the William and Walker aggregation gives at that place to decline all such invitations—and no this week. It is pretty generally known by the should question her right to do so without offence to any save the foolish. on the bills. They stand almost by themselves, however, as negroes who are really funny in making game of their own race To-night's meeting of World's Fair Negro minstreis are generally bad, Williams committees should bid a long farewell to the old St. Louis the old year and the face comedians, but they seem to have the the old St. Louis, the old year and the knack of getting fun and good entertainold century, and extend a confident ment out of fifty, more or less, of their own greeting to the new St. Louis, the new kind. Their saddle-colored actresses act quite well, and there are several darkskinned men in the company who have the real teach in the matter of comedy. I suppose that Mr. Mansfield would object most of its members are actors, and right good publicans who cherish ambitions for the latest rag-time developments, almost inimitably.

> There was not enough room at the Four teenth Street Theater last night for the crowd that wanted to see the Reilly and Woods Variety Company. It used to be said that the Fourteenth Street Theater was too far out of the way to admit of The big crowd of last night enjoyed Pat Reilly's pictures for the 'steenth time, and there was much applause for the four fem-inine dancers, one of whom danced down a line of fence pickets, sharp ends up. Laura inine dancers, one of whom danced down a line of fence pickets, sharp ends up. Laura Bennett and Sallie Stembler are two clever girls who employ what is known as the quick dialogue. These young women dress in excellent taste and have a lot of good fun in their turn. Somebody in the audience last night said that Gillette ought to run in at the Fourteenth Street Theater this week in order to get a peep at the methods of Junie McCree, who plays a "dope ficha" in a quiet and really very excellent way. Frank Bryan continues to write and sing his own songs. The Standard's bill this week is particularly interesting in the fact that it contains eight numbers that have never before been seen in St. Louis, which is a good deal to say in these days of quick vandeville returns.
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> It is a matter of regret that the "second" company, now playing "Arizona" at the Century Theater, did not get before the public ahead of the organization whom time and chance put into the plees at the be-

public ahead of the organization whom time and chance put into the piece at the be-ginning of its course. In many particulars this second company is better than the original. Take the doctor, for example, and the schoolmistress, but small parts, but well done, for the first time. Mr. Barrymore, too, seems better, from some points of view than either Mr. Edeson or Mr. Serrano. The piece at the Century this week is staged Louis, and a Democracy devoted to the with coloring that is somewhat different from that employed by the company that has played the drama here twice within the year. All together, if you care to see the ex-The last census showed a decreased population for Omaha. How unfortunate it well done at the Century just now-if you that Pat Crowe's name was still on the can get away from the fact that only original companies are worth while,

> It is interesting news that Will H. Bray will play the part of the Minister to Da-homey in the revival of "A Texas Sher" at the Imperial Theater next week. Mr. Bray was the "original," and in his case the original is better than any one clse who ever attempted the queer part. Mr. Bray has played the Minister to Dahomey so ion. and so well that he stands in fear of being known as the Joseph Jefferson of farce.

"Man's Enemy" is the name of a ripping melodrama that is pleasing large audiences at Havlin's Theater this week. Miss Dorothy Rossmore, who has been in the cast of the play since its first appearance, is an interesting adventuress. She is one of the few adventuresses who, while getting the hisses of an audience wins sympathy cause of the excellence of her acting. Another actress who does this is Valvie Bergere, and it was at Haviln's Theater that she came in for this paradoxical apprecia-

The ancient and honorable "Two Orphans" appeared at the Imperial Theater last night to wind up the stock season at that theater. The company will close its work there next Saturday night. Of the members who have come local favorites, one, at least, has signed a centract for another city. Bowles announced last night that he would go to Montreal to play in the stock compuny there.

Mr. Gillette will play "Sherlock Holmes at the Olympic Theater to-night.

There will be an entirely new bill at the Columbia this afternoon

At Music Hall this evening there is to be rendering of "Lohengrin," with Miss Luiwig as Elsa and Mr. Wegener as Lohen-grin. The excellent and experienced Mr. Mertens will play Tetramund, and Miss Norwood will surprise us with Ortrude. Mr. Clarke is to be the King, and the work of the Herald will fall to Mr. Hogers,

WILL ELECT TWO SENATORS.

Nebraska Republicans Have Pre sented Only Nine Candidates.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 30.-Members elect of the Nebraska Legislature began arriving in force to-day for the twenty-seventh annual recision, which convenes at noon Tuesday.

The fusion members have brought forward to candidates for the two positions, but are expected to hold a caucus to-morrow night. Thursday Governor elect Dietricht will be inaugurated and the other new State

FELL ON A GLASS PITCHER. Fragment Severed Artery in Clarence Newman's Wrist.

Clarence Newman, 2t years old, a railroad while crossing Chouteau avenue at Joseph- of the Yale Corporation and assistant recto Ine street yesterday afternoon, fell on a glass pitcher, which broke.

One of the pieces severed an artery in his left wrist. He was removed to the Missouri Factile Hospital, where his injury was protounced not serious by Doctors Keeble and Vasterline.

DEATH OF A THEATRICAL MAN Bert L. Goodale Dies at Elks Club

in Kansas City. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.-Bert L. Goodale, a theatrical man of Los Angeles, Cal., died in his room at the Elks Club last night of tonsilitis after a short illness. The remains will be sent to Kalamazoo, Mich, the home of Goodale's parents, for burial.

French Ambassador Arrives. New York, Dec. 30.—Among the passengers who arrived to-day on the steamer La Gascogne from Havre was M. Cambon, French Ambassador at Washsington.

BIDDLE MARKET MISSION HONORS ITS FOUNDER

Thomas Morrison its Superintendent for the Last Fifty-Two Years.

TRIBUTES TO HIS WORK

At Memorial Tahernacle, Fifteenth and Carr streets, yesterday afternoon was cele-orated the fifty-second anniversary of Chomas Morrison's connection with the holdas Morrison's connection with the fiddle Market Mission Sunday School, of which he is still honorary superintendent. While yet a young man, Mr. Morrison be-nue identified with the work of the mission, and soon arose to the place of superin-temient. This office he held for many years, until, by a full from a wagon, he was physically incupacitated from further regular attendance upon the exercises. Under his care the mission grew from a little frame structure, 20x30 feet, to the present three-story brick building facing Carr Park

Only once has the school work of the mis the six months of the cholera in 1849. Then It was that Mr. Marrison won his way into the favor of the poor, for whose benefit the mission was intended. He did not hesitate to enter the pest-stricken houses, ininis-tering to the sick, and even assisting in carrying out the dead for burial. When the school responed its membership had been depleted to but thirty-seven pupils, but within three years, under the guidance of Mr. Morrison, it had outgrown its quarters. An addition was made to the building, but in 1855, the membership having increased to An addition was made to the building, but in Ro, the membership having increased to 40, removal was made to a hall opposite Biddle Market, hence the present name of the mission.



THOMAS MORRISON,

Whose fifty-second anniversary as superintendent of Biddle Market Sunday-School Mission, was celebrated at Memorial Tabernacle yesterday.

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When 12 years old he obtained employment in a grocery at the wage of \$3.50 a month, he continued to work during two years. He farmed, worked as deckhand on the Mississippi in his youth, but having arrived at man's estate, succeeded in buy-

the mission.

To Thomas Morrison and to Carlos S. Greeley is due the credit for having made the mission what it now is.

Mr. Morrison's experience has been that best calculated to have made him sympathetic with the poor and tactful in his dealings with those whose sufferings he, better than many another, could understand. His schooling was limited to a course of only two winters' instruction in the rudiments.

WILL TREAT OF IT IN HIS MESSAGE,

Governor Stephens Suggests That a Libel Law Be Enacted by the Coming Legislature.

TALKS OF HIS RETIREMENT. MEN NEEDED IN PHILIPPINES.

and Declares He Has No Further Political Aspirations.

REPUBLIC SPECIALS.

Jefferson City, Dec. 30.-If the promises held out by the utterances of Missouri's that foreign occupation of her territory chief executive are fulfilled, his forthcoming message will interest newspaper circles throughout the State, and in Kansus City and an obstacle to a peaceful adjustment and St. Louis especially. In this document of the affairs.

labored throughout his life to establish be the American force constituting the Amerblackened and handed down to succeeding generations surrehed with falsehood and slander. Succeeding generations do not know the petty foundation on which such slanderous attacks are bottomed, but the slanders are handed down to them in undying black and white.

"I recommend in my forthcoming mes sage that a law be passed making it obligatory on grand juries to investigate carefully all charges against officials presente in newspapers. If the charges are well founded measures are to be taken for the impeachment and punishment of the oftal. If the charges prove untrue the person making them or the editor respo for their publication shall be sent t penitentiary for a term not to exceed fifty

"I would make it a capital offense, if had my way, and let the Sheriff take the guilty man out and shoot him. "I do not mean that the freedom of speech

and of the press shall be interfered with. Newspapers have a right to criticise officials, but I do mean that these journal stic outlaws shall be put under restraint At present there is no way of reaching those sort of cattle except with a club. "I believe the citizens of the State want such a law because I believe they do not sanction such wanton destruction of reputations. The law will be fair to both parties If the Grand Jury finds that the newsp is right, the newspaper will be entitle the plaudits of the people. If it finds the contrary, punishment should follow the at-tempt to rob an official of the respect of

scarcely enough friends to bury me tinued Governor Stephens. "Governors al-ways make enemies. The provision in the Constitution prohibiting a Governor from succeeding himself is not needed. He could not do so physically or politically if he wished. He retires worn out in both re

"I have no further political aspirations except to help my friends, and I am taking no part in the present fight for the organization of the General Assembly, "I have no home in Boonville. I was living there with my wife's folks. For that

reason I shall continue to make Jefferson City my home after I retire from official I have built a house here. Judge Marshall of the Supreme Court has lived in it up to recently on a lease, and his lease having expired I shall take possession JOHN C. LEBENS.

PARLOR GAME OF GOLF.

Preacher Has Applied for Patent on His Invention. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 30 .- A parlor game of golf has been invented by the Revclerk, of No. 1825 South Seventh street, erend Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., secretary of St. Paul's Church here. The Reverend Mr Stokes is not publicly announcing this fact, but it is learned from his friends that an application for letters-patent covering this invention is now pending in the United States Patent Office. Mr. Stokes has not heretofore shown in-

Mr. Stokes has not heretofore shown inventive genius, but he is a golf enthusiast. He often has President Arthur T. Hadley of Yale as opponent on the links of the New Haven Golf Club. Other Yale professors who are expert at the game have been matched against him on the same links, but all mive yielded to his skill.

Mr. Stokes's scientific interest in golf led him to study the fine points of the game. He conceived the idea that golf might be played indoors as well as out, since baseball, football and other outdoor games had been found adaptable to enjoyment under cover.

Cover.

He therefore began to experiment, with the result that he has invented a parlor game, with bungers, teeinig grounds, bogie, miniature brassle, putter, loftee and little pea-sized golf balls. The full details will not be available until the patent is granted and the game paced on the market.

CHAFFEE'S FORCE TO SOON LEAVE PEKIN.

Administration Is Anxious to Terminate Occupation of China by Foreign Troops.

Expects to Reside in Jefferson City | Present Force Will Be Reduced or Withdrawn as Soon as Such Action Can Safely Be Taken.

Washington, Dec. 20.-China is anxious shall come to an end as promptly as possible, as it is constantly causing disorder

he will recommend a libel law along original. In view of the prospect that each nation lines.

In view of the prospect that each nation will hereafter maintain a legation guard in tion not so long ago. "Man's Ememy" comes under the head of human interest performances. It will be followed by another play he says, "that a man must be afraid to take duced to as so a number as the Powers can be induced to designate. China regards ican Legation guard as altogether too large. It numbers 1,500 men, but Chinese diplomats here point out that if each nation maintains a guard of this strength, Pekin will be under the control of a force of 14,400 for-eign troops. As a matter of fact there are now in China about 100,000 allied troops.

Officials of the administration insist that it is absolutely necessary to maintain in Pekin the force now there, declaring that the interests of the United States could not be protected with a smaller number. General Chaffee is in control of a section of pedition to a point south of Pekin, Ad-jutant General Corbin denied to-day most sense punitive. There are to be no executions nor interference with Chinese officials and people; the duty of the column is to

them to Pekin Washington that had Minister Conger co municated to Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang the danger in which the American chang the danger in which the American missionaries were supposed to be, the Chinese authorities would immediately have taken measures for the rescue of the foreigners and their protection from injury. It is expected that as a result of the American expedition the American troops will be confounded with those of other Powers, which have been guilty of such atrocities, and the hatred felt for the Germans, British and others will extend to the American

h and others will extend to the Americans. China feels able at this juncture is said, to protect all foreigners and it seems to be the belief here that the reports of danger to American missionaries are gotten up for the purpose of preventing a solution of the Colness question. In view of China's preservation of order outside of Pokin and of her willings

outside of Pekin and of her willing protect foreigners and of her willingness to protect foreigners and of the further fact that the Imperial Court, whose presence in Pekin is so desirable, will not return to the capital until the foreign troops withdraw, well-informed public men here are advocating the immediate withdrawal of General Chaffee's command and its dispatch to the Philippines, where the regulars are needed to take the place of the volunteers who will return, beginning next month, to San Fran-cisco. Adjutant General Corbin said to-day that the American troops in China form the Ninth Regiment of Infantry, one E of the Fifth Artillery. Since October a total of 3,600 men have left China and proceeded to the Philippines.

There is no doubt that the administration of

is anxious to terminate the occupation of China by foreign troops, and it is stated positively that as soon as it can be done, General Chaffee's command will be reduced and withdrawn, the United States merely preserving the right to maintain a legation guard in Pekin.

IN A SERIOUS CONDITION.

George Gunsollis's Stab Wounds Are Considered Dangerous.

George D. Gunsollis, Democratic City Committeeman, of No. 2025 Obear avenue, who was stabbed in the neck and abdomen several times Saturday night, is in a serious condition at his home.

Newton Knapp of No. 4218 Labadic avenue is under arrest at the Sixth District Station. Efforts to obtain the prisoner's release on bond have proved futile.

GERMANY NOT IN THE DEAL.

Danish Antilles, If Sold, Will Go to United States.

Copenhagen, Dec. 30.-In Danish official circles the report that Germany is negotiating to purchase the Danish Antilles is denied. "If the islands are to be sold," said a high official to-day, "the purchaser will be the United States and no other